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1ST MARINE DIVISION (FORWARD)

UNIT 40115

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From: Commanding General
To: Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve
Affairs (MMSR-6), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-
5103

Subj: LINE OF DUTY DETERMINATION; CASE OF STAFF SERGEANT SCOTT
E. DICKINSON XXX-XX-(b)(6)/0431 USMC (DECEASED)

- Ref:
- (a) Public Law 107-107, Section 642, National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2002 (NDAA 2002)
 - (b) JAGINST 5800.7F Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN), 26 Jun 12
 - (c) MARADMIN 294/02, Survivor Benefits for All Active Duty Marines, 29 May 02
 - (d) MARADMIN 135/03, Policy, Procedures, and Responsibilities for Making Line of Duty; Determinations when an Active-Duty Service Member Dies, 24 Mar 03
 - (e) MARADMIN 592/07, MCNUL 3040 Command Reporting and Investigative Reporting/Processing for Marine Corps Casualties, 11 Oct 07
 - (f) MARADMIN 334/08, Casualty Procedures in Support of OEF OIF Deployments, 09 Jun 08

1. A Preliminary Inquiry was conducted and the following is provided:

a. Staff Sergeant Dickinson was a member of the Police Advisor Team (PAT), 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, in the city of Garmser, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. While conducting physical training at Forward Operating Base (FOB) (b)(7)(F), on 10 August 2012, Staff Sergeant Dickinson was killed by enemy small arms fire.

b. The death was not caused by Staff Sergeant Dickinson's own intentional misconduct or willful negligence.

c. The death did not occur during a period of unauthorized absence.

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2. I have determined that Staff Sergeant Dickinson's death occurred in the line of duty and not due to misconduct.

3. Staff Sergeant Dickinson was married at the time of his death. His record of emergency data lists his next of kin as his (b)(6)

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on Capt. (b)(3)(10 USC 130b, (b)(6)) ltr 5830 IO of 21 Aug 12

From: Commanding General

To: File

Subj: PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF STAFF SERGEANT SCOTT E.
DICKINSON (b)(6) / 0431 USMC BY ENEMY FORCES ON 10 AUGUST 2012

1. The preliminary inquiry is in substantial compliance with the references and is approved as endorsed.
2. I find that Staff Sergeant Dickinson's death occurred in the line of duty and not due to his own misconduct. Staff Sergeant Dickinson died as a result of direct enemy action. It is directed that this determination be entered in SNM's medical record.
3. 1st Marine Division (Forward) mourns the loss of Staff Sergeant Dickinson. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.
4. The point of contact for this matter is Colonel (b)(3)(10 USC 130b, (b)(6))

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(b)(6)

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Cap (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6)tr 5830 IO of 21 Aug 12

From: Commanding Officer, Regimental Combat Team 6
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Forward)

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DEATH OF STAFF SERGEANT SCOTT E. DICKINSON XXX XX (b)(6)/0431 USMC BY
ENEMY FORCES ON 10 AUGUST 2012

1. Forwarded. I concur with the investigating officer's findings and recommendations. Specifically, that Staff Sergeant Dickinson's death occurred as a result of direct enemy action. His death was in the line of duty and not due to his own misconduct.

2. No further investigation is required.

3. The point of contact for this matter is (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) Regimental
Judge Advocate, DSN: (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6)

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From: Captain (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) 4402 USMC
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Forward)
Via: Commanding Officer, Regimental Combat Team 6

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DEATH OF STAFF SERGEANT SCOTT E. DICKINSON XXX XX (b)(6) /0431 USMC BY
ENEMY FORCES ON 10 AUGUST 2012

Ref: (a) MCO P3040.4E
(b) JAGINST 5800.7F w/Ch 1-2
(c) MARADMIN 334-08

Encl: (1) Personnel Casualty Report (PCR) #1RV12260

1. Per chapter 2 of reference (b), I was verbally appointed to conduct a preliminary inquiry (PI) on the subject incident. Major (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6), Regimental Judge Advocate (RJA), was my legal adviser.

2. This report completes the PI into the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of Staff Sergeant Scott E. Dickinson by enemy forces on 10 August 2012.

3. All reasonable evidence was reviewed and each directive has been met.

4. Summary of Findings:

a. Staff Sergeant Dickinson was an active duty Marine serving with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 6, 1st Marine Division (Forward) during all relevant time periods.

b. Staff Sergeant Dickinson died due to gunshot wounds suffered to the (b)(6) by direct enemy action while conducting physical training at Forward Operating Base (b)(7)f Garmser District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan on 10 August 2012.

5. Recommendations:

a. Staff Sergeant Dickinson's death occurred as a result of enemy action. I recommend that his death be determined to have been in the line of duty and not due to his own misconduct.

b. Staff Sergeant Dickinson and his next of kin should remain eligible for all prescribed benefits.

c. If not awarded already, Staff Sergeant Dickinson should be posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

6. The point of contact for this matter is Captain (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6), at DSN: (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6).

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***** CASUALTY REPORT *****

Report Type: INIT

Casualty Type: Hostile

Casualty Status: DECEASED

Casualty Category: Killed In Action

Report Number: 1RV12260

Personnel Type: Regular

Personnel Affiliation: Active Duty

Personnel Category: Obligated/Voluntary Service

Last Name: DICKINSON

First Name: SCOTT

Middle Name: E

Service: United States Marine Corps

Military Rank: SSGT

Military Unit of Assignment: 3/8, RCT-6, 1STMARDIV (FWD), I MEF (FWD), (PARENT
CMD: 3D MARDIV)

Date/Time of Incident (New/Old): 20120810/2044

Inflicting Force: Enemy Forces

Incident City: GARMSEER

Incident Country: Afghanistan

Circumstance: ON 20120810, SSGT DICKINSON, MALE, 0431, SUCCUMBED TO A GUNSHOT
WOUND TO THE (b)(6) DUE TO ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE (SAF), WHILE
CONDUCTING PHYSICAL TRAINING AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE (FOB) (b)(7)(F) GARMSEER
DISTRICT, HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. SSGT DICKINSON WAS TREATED BY THE ON

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SCENE CORPSMAN AND WAS MEDEVAC'D TO CAMP DWYER COMBINED SUPPORT HOSPITAL (CSH), WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DECEASED AT 2131 BY CAPT (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) USA. (MM: 08-10P)

Diagnosis Info: DECEASED

Died in/out of Medical Facility Treatment: Died Outside A Medical Treatment Facility

Date/Time of Death: 20120810/2131

Place of Death City: GARMSEER

Place of Death Country: Afghanistan

Cause of Death: GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE (b)(7)f

Remarks: A NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE (NCIS) INVESTIGATION IS BEING INITIATED DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SUSPECTED INSURGENT IS BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL POLICE. THE MEDICAL OFFICER AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER CONCUR THAT SSGT DICKINSON SUSTAINED HIS INJURIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND DUE TO DIRECT ENEMY ACTION. THE COMMANDING OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE AWARDED OF THE PURPLE HEART. THE PROPER MEDICAL AUTHORITIES WILL MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ENTRIES IN SSGT DICKINSON'S MEDICAL RECORD. POC HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. THE MEDICAL POINT OF CONTACT IS LT (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) USN, AT DSN (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6). THIS PCR WAS VERIFIED BY LTC (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) EXECUTIVE OFFICER, RCT-6. THE UNIT POC IS 1STLT (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6) BN ADJUTANT, AT DSN (b)(3)10 USC 130b,(b)(6). PCR WILL FOLLOW AS NECESSARY.

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